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Remarks:

The Examiner has required the Applicant to elect between two groups of claims, group (I) being directed to a write element and group (II) being directed to a data storage device. The Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, group (I) for prosecution. Accordingly, claim 19 has been withdrawn from consideration.

The Examiner has also required the Applicant to elect between two species, species I being directed to Fig. 3 and species II being directed to Figures 4 and 5. The applicant hereby elects species II for prosecution in the event that no generic claim is found allowable. Claims 1-7, 13-16 and 18-19 are generic to species I and II. Claim 12 is directed to species I, and claims 8-11 and 17 are directed to species II.

In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 971-2573. For payment of any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2587 (Order No. HJS920040042US1).

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